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Dear Howard,

In recent years I have had few joys. You are one. I could not be more proud of you if you were my son.

I guess I'd just assumed that you would be Number 1 in law school. But if you can settle for Number 2, I can. Besides, that is grades only, a partial measure. I know better than the marks. You are Number 1.

I do appreciate the way you explained your costly phone call - your graduation present to yourself. Well, it was a present to me. We'll call it for my birthday next month.

I have seen in you what I doubt you could see in yourself, your growth. This has been a great satisfaction to me. There are many who are well endowed. There are few who can grow into their potential. You have.

You will continue growing, expanding, doing.

The certainty makes me happy.

While my memory is not what it was I do recall the first time we talked about your opting the law. It was the day Bill and I met you and your father on City Line Avenue and he took us to a good delicatessen.

I remember also that I then encouraged you to consider appeals work a specialty. As you make your own decisions don't overlook this. I believe, confidently, that you can be another Boudin.

In this you can use another of your talents, as Jim does - writing. You write well.

The clerkship should be a good apprenticeship for it. Maybe a sort of taste, too.

Whatever it is, may the rest of your life hold for you what you wish of it. That will not be more than I wish for you. ...

Your comments on the new records you have obtained are exciting. I can see in the 1969 records of stonewalling me and my requests what Jim can use effectively.

Now that you are an expert on the Acts, if you can find time when you are catching up on your filing would you give Jim your opinion on whether what you have received relating to me is covered by my FOIA/PA requests? I think this would be helpful to him. I'll be surprised if the requests are not broad enough to icnlude what I gather you have been give, (I wonder why!)

The burdens on Jim and me grow. It will be a real help if you make extra copies of the Chila. clips you think he should have. Send them all to me. If I see any others I'll make copies for him. Right now any word on the Ray case can be important to him. I don't think there will be much of this in the future. I'm certain Sprague is going to go. I can't see him doing it without staging it. I can see it is part of a deal to continue the committee. Sprague-martyr. Big press conference, too. But I'll be that as long as he lives he'll never speak of chicken farmers.

Now his going is not enough for me. I refused all over again to have anything substantive to do with them. I was asked by the No. 2 lawyer on the king case, Johnson, I think a black man. Believe it or not, he went to work there 1/3 and had not read their skinny report because that was a day or two before he went to work!

If I got through as I think I may have to an AP reporter named Adams today the committee's Nixonian successes may mean a little lest.

Tzum tzukhov,